

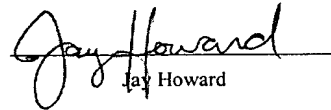
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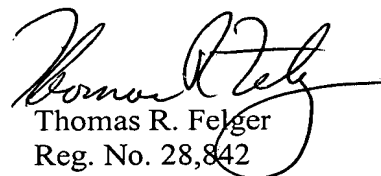
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Applicant respectfully requests, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, that the references listed on the attached PTO-1449 form be considered and cited in the examination of the above-identified continuation application. A copy of the references is enclosed for the Examiner's convenience. The items contained in this Information Disclosure Statement were first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than thirty days prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement. Furthermore, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§1.97(g) and (h), no representation is made that these references are material to the patentability of the present application.

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